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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Mordechai Turi et al.
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For : Disposable Elastic Absorbent Article
Having Retaining Enclosures 9/18
Art Unit : 3735
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2000, kindly amend the above-referenced application as set forth below.

In the Claims

Please amend claim the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An integral disposable elasticized absorbent article comprising:

- (a) an absorbent body having a front waist portion, a back waist portion, a crotch portion and a pair of spaced apart leg openings;
- (b) an absorbent core member[;] having a top portion and a bottom portion;